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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-164235, published June 18, 1999; and
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-55639, published February 26, 1999.

The references were cited in an Official Action dated October 2, 2003 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited

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references, together with an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. The relevance of the references are described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1) and (e)(1), a statement is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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37 CFR 1.97(b)

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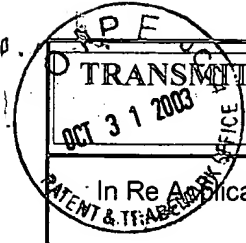
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2. ☒ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

☒ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).



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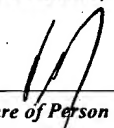

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